PATENT APPLICATION

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

PAULISTA et al.

Serial No. 09/297,092

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COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR

**BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY** 

NOTICE OF APPEAL TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: March 7, 2002

Group Art Unit: 16380

Examiner: Kaushal, S.

Atty. Docket No. 100564-9010

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Decision of the Primary Examiner dated September 7, 2001 finally rejecting claims 17-29.

The \$160.00 (Small Entity) Appeal Fee is attached.

The shortened statutory period expiring on December 7, 2001, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for three months to March 7, 2002. Enclosed please find a check including the amount of Four Hundred Sixty Dollars (\$460.00) to cover the cost of the extension.

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